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Sir:

RESPONSE

This paper is filed in response to the final Office action mailed May 31, 2007. Review and reconsideration are requested in view of these remarks.

Claims 13, 14, 16, 17, 19-24, 26-29, 31 and 48-50 are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2003/0034788 to Crabtree. However, because several limitations of the rejected independent claims are not shown in Crabtree, it is submitted that the rejections are improper and should be withdrawn.

The present invention is broadly directed to a child locating system utilizing: 1) a child locating device (i.e. the parent unit); and 2) a further device to be carried or worn by a child (i.e. a child unit). The child unit includes transmission means for transmitting an electromagnetic signal to the parent unit. As noted in Applicant's amendment mailed on February 2, 2007, independent claim 13 requires that the locating device (the parent unit) include a processing means to detect the signature of the signal received from the further device (child unit). As disclosed at page 5, 2nd full paragraph of this Application, in order for the parent unit to distinguish between the signals received from different child units, each child unit may transmit signals with a *particular signature* associated with that *child unit*.